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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. As set out in paragraph 7 of document E/CN.5/1997/6, the Commission will be called upon at its current session to nominate five new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraph 5 of the same document for a period of four years to 30 June 2001.

2. The following four new candidates have been identified as having the appropriate qualifications and will maintain regional balance in the membership of the Board: Heba Alimad Handoussa, Eveline Herfkens, Marcia Rivera and Gita Sen. Their biographical information is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Heba Alimad Handoussa (Egypt)

Heba Alimad Handoussa is currently Managing Director of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey.

EDUCATION:

B.A. (Economics), American University, Cairo, 1966.
M.Sc. (Economics), University College, London, 1970.
Ph.D. (Economics), School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1974.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE:

Member, Committee to Monitor Economic Reform and Structural Adjustment Program, 1992-
Senior Consultant to the World Bank, 1991-1992.
Vice-Provost, American University, Cairo, 1990-1992.
Chair, Department of Economics and Political Science, American University, Cairo, 1989-1990.
Adviser to Minister of the Economy, 1985-1986.
Consultant to Foreign Investment Authority, 1984-1985.
Principal Investigator, Institute of National Planning and Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, 1983-1984.
Professor of Economics, American University, Cairo, 1974-1992.
Consultant, Minister of Economy/Foreign Investment Authority, 1976-1979.
Advisory and consultancy assignments carried out for the World Bank, Ministries of Economy, Industry and the Foreign Investment Authority.
Numerous books and articles published, and papers presented, on Egyptian public sector employment and productivity, industrial and agricultural development, trade and investment policies, and structural adjustment.

Eveline Herfkens (Netherlands)

Eveline Herfkens is currently Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva.

EDUCATION: Law (and Economics), University of Leiden, the Netherlands, 1975.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE:

Dean, Board of Directors, World Bank and affiliates, 1995.
Executive Director (for Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Israel, the Republic of Moldova, the Netherlands, Romania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Madedonia and Ukraine), World Bank and affiliates, 1994.
Co-Dean, Board of Directors, World Bank and affiliates, 1993.
Executive Director (for Armenia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Georgia, Israel, the Netherlands, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine and several Yugoslav republics), World Bank and Affiliates, 1992.
Executive Director (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Israel, the Netherlands, Romania and Yugoslavia), World Bank and affiliates, 1990.
Member of Parliament, the Netherlands, 1981-1990.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Directorate-General for International Cooperation 1976-1981.
Involved in many non-governmental organizations promoting third world development, including SOS-Wereldhandel, Parliamentarians for Global Action, Evert Vermeer Foundation-Institute for Development Cooperation, and Development Committee of the Dutch Council of Churches.
Member, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Economic Committee and North/South Committee).

Marcia Rivera (Puerto Rico)

Marcia Rivera is currently Executive Secretary and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO).

EDUCATION:

B.A. (Economics), University of Puerto Rico, 1968.
Diploma (Urban and Regional Studies), University of London, 1969.
M.A. (Area Studies), Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, 1970.
Ph.D. (Programme Development Planning), University of London, 1974.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE:

President, Board of Directors, Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico.
Head, Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee of Development Associations (ICCDA), 1994-
Coordinator, Latin America and Caribbean, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) Task Force on Alternative Economic Frameworks, 1994-
Member, Executive Committee, International Council of Social Sciences, 1994-
Member, Advisory Council, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, 1990-
Vice-President and Senior Partner, Estudios Técnicos, Inc. (San Juan, Puerto Rico), 1987-1991.
Consultant, in programme design, project evaluation, development problems, to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Ford Foundation and the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation in Developing Countries (SAREC), among others, 1985-
Executive Director, Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Puertorriqueña, 1983-1991
Political and economic analyst, writer and media producer for newspapers, radio and television in Puerto Rico, 1980-1992.
Lecturer and Visiting Professor, various universities in Latin America, the Caribbean, the United States of America and Europe, 1980-1994.
Director, Planning and Programming Office, Puerto Rico Elections Board, 1974-1976.
Sector Analyst, Puerto Rico Planning Board, 1970-1972.
Editor or author of numerous social science books, articles and reports.
Editor of Carta de CLACSO; member of the editorial boards of several social science journals.

Gita Sen (India)

Gita Sen is currently Professor of Economics at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore.

EDUCATION:

B.A. (Economics), Fergusson College, Pune, India, 1968.
M.A. (Economics), Delhi School of Economics, 1970.
Ph.D. (Economics), Stanford University, 1977.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE:

Member, Committee on Gender and Population (International Union for the Scientific Study of Population), 1995-

Senior Associate, National Institute of Advanced Studies, 1994-

Director, MacArthur Program, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, 1992-1993.

Harvard Associate, Center for Science and International Affairs, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, 1991-1993.

Member, International Advisory Committee, Program for Collaborative Studies on Human Societies and Environmental Change, MacArthur Foundation, 1991-

Coordinator, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) International Training Programme in Population and Development, Centre for Development Studies, 1988-1990.

Member, UNFPA Advisory Council on Women, Population and Development, 1987-1989.

Coordinator, Development Alternatives with Women for New Era (DAWN) preparation for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1984-1985.

Current member of a number of editorial advisory boards, including those of Development; Development and Change; Encyclopaedia of Life Support Systems; Gender and Development; Environment; and Gender, Technology and Development.

Numerous published books and articles on gender and development, population policies, environment, and industrial and agricultural production.

Consultancies undertaken for Asian and Pacific Development Centre, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and The Open University.

Founding member, Development Alternatives with Women for New Era (DAWN).